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To whom it may concern:

It has been brought to my attention that there are some proposed FCC rule changes that would greatly affect my favorite radio station. I love to listen to K-love with my husband and children. It is a family safe, Christian radio station that supports our values and reinforces those values with my children. My 2 children, ages 3 and 5, love to sing along with the songs and praise the Lord in the car and at home. We will often turn the radio on during the day to spend time dancing and praising the Lord. We support the radio station financially and our lives are very much enriched by their uplifting message.

There are many aspects of the proposed changes that concern me. I will discuss a few of those concerns here.

I am very concerned about the proposed rule changes that would require a community advisory board. These members may not be sympathetic to the message k-love brings, as well as other radio stations. It would limit the message brought. The radio stations would be forced to follow advice that may go against the message and their values. Limiting free speech is never a good idea.

It is also my understanding that the proposed rule changes would require additional staffing. This would put an additional financial strain on the stations, requiring them to delegate more funds to unnecessary staffing as opposed to using those funds for more important and valuable causes- helping people.

I feel that the new regulation requiring that stations report how much programming of various types of broadcast and other details to be invasive. It will give those who do not like the message the fuel to file complaints and to try to change the message and the values being broadcasted. Along those same lines, the stations would be forced to grant air time to any group that requests it. I do not want the message to change and to go against our home values. For example, I do not want a group that supports evolution to be broadcasting their message on my chosen radio stations. I want my children to hear about creation and God's power.

There are many other aspects to the proposed rule changes that I oppose. To summarize, they would mean less free speech, unnecessary financial burdens, more time spent away from doing God's work, and, ultimately, less freedom of religious expression.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns.

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